

As the season of preparation for another crop approaches, we venture a few practical suggestions. Every farmer will of course avail himself of every possible means to add to the fertility of his soil.

But there is a limit to the profitableness of the dumb cart, and we have recently seen farmers hauling dirt and other material from distant points to application of such inferior quality as to render doubtful the profitableness of such labor.

We have further noticed heavy loads of dirt and other material hauled in such quantities as to involve a second hauling in order to apply to the soil.

We have further observed excessive use of the plow, almost exclusive reliance upon the plow, and such material as can be gathered from old stables, fens, jims, &c., and the lands for cotton, while the plow is used for other crops is a huge waste of labor and expense.

The question has often occurred as to whether such a system of improvement was really the most profitable way of preparing the soil for the next year's crop.

A friend of the observer has suggested the following method of preparing the soil for the next year's crop.

First, Cotton and after first picking, sow winter oats and run through the cotton with a heavy roller.

Second year, of the same oats, sow winter oats and run through the cotton with a heavy roller.

Third year, sow and turn under the vegetable matter which has grown upon the land in the fall as a preparation for another cotton crop.

This system of improvement would involve three fields for cotton, and the next year with its accumulation of vegetable matter would give a better preparation with much less expense than the heavy roller system.

While the oat crop is in preparation, the heavy roller system is suggested rarely fails to do well, it saves the cotton farmer an enormous northern hay bill the succeeding year.

Or better still, let the sown be sown the next year and turn under before the first year.

We have been satisfied for a long time that the best method of improvement of the soil from the present method of composting. While the farmer who relies exclusively upon the plow, and who keeps his lands well tilled, can keep his soil up to its present state of fertility. We noticed a field yesterday which has been almost entirely covered with plow, and is in better condition for cotton than it was five years ago when we are unable to observe it.

If the straw compost could make rich Edgemoor in his State could today be the richest county in the State. We grant that a larger crop is produced by the system, but question any permanent good to the soil by the usual methods pursued.

In both red and sandy soils we rely to a large extent upon green fallows, clover, peas, &c., for enriching the soil.

Potatoes for Horses.

One came near losing a very valuable horse from feeding him on dry hay and oats with nothing else. I have never believed in feeding a horse with medicine, but now I am convinced that a horse fed on dry hay and oats will be in the right condition, and will be able to do more work than a horse fed on dry hay and oats.

Many use powders, but potatoes are better, and safer, and cheaper, if fed judiciously. If those who are not in the habit of feeding potatoes to their horses, they will try them, they will be astonished at the result. I have known a horse changed from a lazy, sluggish creature, to a quick, active, and powerful animal in five days, simply adding two quarts of potatoes to his feed daily. If much clear corn meal is fed, they do not need so many potatoes. Too many potatoes are fed, and so are the horses fed.

When I was a boy, I was away from home at school one winter, and the care of one horse, one cow, and one calf, every day, every week, every month, every year. The horse had three quarts of water, four quarts of oats, two quarts of extra every day, worked with what he wanted, and was stronger and more active horse, in six weeks, I have never seen a country gentleman.

Best Hives.

Mr. C. E. Best, living near Davidson College, has patented a beehive to be known as the Bee-Chamber, which will supply a long needed want. It has a trap to catch bees and millers, to secure warmth and comfort during winter, and to keep the young bees in a chamber by themselves. Mr. Best's model of the beehive is a study for many years, and his invention is the result of his own experience in bee raising. —Charlotte Herald.

Jordan tickled Charlotte Observer: A good many of our readers, if not all, in other parts of the State, know Jordan Chambers, colored. He is a son of Mr. B. C. Chambers, of Irwell county, and one of the best of the land. He is almost as white as one of pure Anglo-Saxon blood, is smart and intelligent, and many a white man might envy him his dress. Jordan became a rampant Republican, however, after the war, and in 1864, he was defeated, and has since acted as a servant at the Executive office in Raleigh. One of our citizens who is just from Raleigh, tells us that a week or two ago, Jordan took his daughter (who is white) to a school in the city, and when he returned, he was asked by Rev. John Smith, a brother of Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., the principal of the school, if he was the principal of the school. Jordan answered that he was not, and that he was a servant at the Executive office. Mr. Smith then asked him if he was the principal of the school, and Jordan answered that he was not, and that he was a servant at the Executive office. Mr. Smith then asked him if he was the principal of the school, and Jordan answered that he was not, and that he was a servant at the Executive office.

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